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General C. B. Erskine, U.S.M.C.(Ret.)
Director, Special Operations
Department of Defense
Room 3E1036, Pentagon

Dear General Erskine:

Pursuant to Sec Def Document TS-997 dated 19 June 1951, the Central Intelligence Agency has activated and currently maintains a classified training facility at [redacted]. Certain of the personnel employed at these facilities, primarily the custodial personnel, are unwitting as to their employment by this Agency, knowing only that they are employed by a Defense Department activity. A problem exists with respect to the processing of personnel actions for these individuals, with particular reference to the "appointment authority" shown on the notifications given to the individuals. Use of the appointment authority of the Central Intelligence Agency (50 USC 403j), which is the true legal authority, would present a security hazard by identifying the true employer to such unwitting personnel and to others from whom this information must be withheld.

An acceptable solution to this problem is at hand in the form of Schedule A appointment authorities obtainable from the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Informal discussions between members of my staff and representatives of the Civil Service Commission indicate that a request for Schedule A authorities from the Department of Defense (in behalf of this Agency) would, in all probability, be favorably acted upon by the Commission. Once granted, and published in the Federal Register as required by law, the authorities would be used exclusively by CIA, and the Department of Defense would not be concerned with cases involving the use of these authorities, except to refer to us for appropriate handling inquiries which might be received by the Department of Defense. Several discussions have been had with members of your Department, of a purely exploratory nature, to determine whether such an arrangement would unduly burden you. It appears to all concerned thus far that such would not be the case.

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In the event our request meets with your approval, I am attaching drafts of two letters which you may forward to the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission. It would be appreciated if substantive changes in either of these drafts would be coordinated with our Director of Personnel, Mr. Harrison C. Reynolds (Code 143, Extension 731). Members of Mr. Reynolds' staff will also be available to discuss further with you or your representative, as necessary, anything pertaining to this request, and also to present verbal justification to the Civil Service Commission, if desired.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

L. K. WHITE
Deputy Director

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